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Application of: Curtiss et al.

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WITH ENVIRONMENTALLY LIMITED
VIABILITY

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed October 31, 2007 in the above-identified patent application. A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently herewith. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks intended to put this application in condition for allowance. A petition for a 3-month extension of the period in which to respond under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) are filed concurrently herewith, making the present response deadline April 30, 2008. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in connection with the papers filed herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 8.

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